by the FCI/State agencies at Minimum Support Price. However, in order to curve the activities of middlemen, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has implemented Token system and 'Jotbahi' system. Payment upto Rs. 5300/- is made by ordinary cheque and payment beyond Rs. 5300/- is made by A/C Payee cheque. In case transaction involves more than Rs. 50,000/-, land sown by the farmers and its production is got authenticated/verified by the District Magistrate.

Identification of BPL families in Punjab

†1213. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got identified the families living under poverty line in Punjab which are to be included under the targeted Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether each of the family has been provided with a special ration card; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) As reported by the Government of Punjab 4.35 lakh families living below poverty line have been identified to be included under the Targeted Public Distribution System and each of the identified families has been provided with a special ration card in the State.

Physical verfication and audits of godowns of FCI

†1214. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the physical verfication and audit of godowns of

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.